

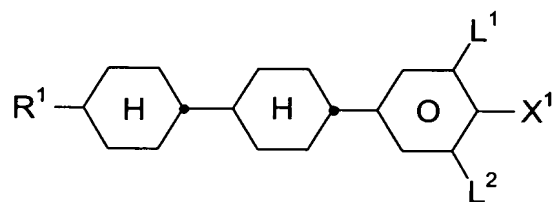
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**Abstract**

The invention relates to a liquid-crystalline medium based on a mixture of polar compounds of positive dielectric anisotropy, characterised in that it comprises one or more compounds of the formula I

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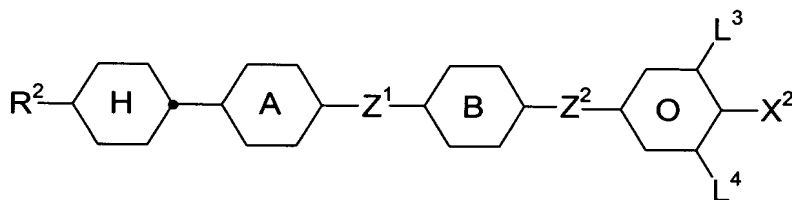
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and one or more compounds of the formula IA

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in which R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, ring A, ring B, L<sup>1-4</sup>, Z<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> are as defined in Claim 1.

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